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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEE - LUC THANH, WIFE, DAUGHTERS AND
GRAND-CHILDREN

REF: A. STATE 289264 B. TAIPEI 6836 C. STATE 292827

1. LUC THANH, WIFE, LY MAN NUONG, AND DAUGHTER, LUC DIEM PHUONG ARRIVED IN TAIWAN FROM SAIGON VIA CHINA AIRLINES ON APRIL 26, 1975. ANOTHER DAUGHTER, LUC THUC PHUONG, WAS EVACUATED FROM SAIGON BY THE USAF ON APRIL 23, 1975 AND WAS FLOWN WITH HER TWO CHILDREN TO CLARK AFB THEN TRANSFERRED TO ROC MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND FLOWN TO TAIWAN THE SAME DAY. ENTIRE FAMILY NOW RESIDING HERE TOGETHER. LUC THUC PHUONG'S HUSBAND WAS UNABLE TO ESCAPE AND HIS FATE IS UNKNOWN.

2. REFTEL B. PARA 21 GAVE COMPLETE STATUS REPORT OF THIS FAMILY, EXPLAINING THAT THEY WERE IN POSSESSION OF AIRLINE TICKETS TO LOS ANGELES (WHICH WILL EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 1975).

3. FAMILY WAS INTERVIEWED AGAIN, DECEMBER 18, AND STILL CLAIM TO BE EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS WITH RESETTLEMENT IN TAIWAN. THEY CAME HERE WITH SOME FUNDS WHICH ARE GRADUALLY BEING DEPLETED. LUC THANH STATES THAT HE NEVER INTENDED TO REMAIN IN TAIWAN SINCE HE HAD NO FAMILY OR FRIENDS HERE AND SPEAKS ONLY VIETNAMESE, CANTONESE, AND SOME ENGLISH (NONE OF WHICH HAS PROVEN USEFUL TO HIM IN TAIWAN). DAUGHTER, LUC THUC PHUONG, CLAIMS THAT SHE DIDN'T REALIZE THAT SHE AND HER

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CHILDREN WERE BEING TRANSPORTED TO TAIWAN FROM MANILA AND

ASSUMED, WHEN SHE BOARDED ROC AIRCRAFT, THAT FAMILY WAS BEING TAKEN TO U.S. SHE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND HAS WORKED FOR SOME YEARS WITH PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES IN SAIGON, BUT HAS ALSO BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE EMPLOYMENT IN TAIWAN BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T SPEAK MANDARIN.

4. FAMILY IS ADMITTEDLY OVERSEAS CHINESE, BUT IN VIEW OF REFTEL C. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS COULD BE OVERLOOKED TO ALLOW FAMILY TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES TO JOIN THE BALANCE OF THEIR FAMILY WHERE THEY MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF RESETTLING.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: POST RECOMMENDS PAROL ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS (SEE REF B). IF POSSIBLE ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE DECEMBER 25 AS TICKETS EXPIRE DECEMBER 31 FOR THIS FAMILY UNIT OF SIX.
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